

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates Examiner's finding of typographical errors stated in the Office Action. The typographical informalities of the specification and claims, abstract have been corrected as required.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice. The rejections made to claims 1-14 are moot since claims 1-14 are cancelled.

Claims 22-27 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice. The rejections made to claims 23, 24, 26 and 27 are moot since claims 22-27 are canceled.

Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,192,191 to Suga et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that Suga et al. does not teach the multimedia data file of the present invention.

The claimed invention is directed to a multimedia data file producer for combining image data and sound data into one multimedia data file, which utilizes an image pickup device and a sound pickup device with A/D converters respectively.

However, Suga et al. discloses a data storage which record digital image and digital sound into THREE files. Referring to Figure 24 and column 19, line 55 bridging column 20, line 8, "[a]long with an image data file group 3 and a sound data file group 4, a second map file 2 is recorded on the removable recording medium 2408." In this case, the image data and the sound data are recorded into the removable recording medium 2408 as three file groups which are the image data file 3, the sound data file 4 and the map data file 2 for mapping purposes. Therefore, the multimedia data file in Suga et al. is not combined into one data file. Besides, in Suga et al., the mapping of image data and sound data via the map data file is conducted in a CAMERA system, which is different from the present invention.

Since Suga et al. does not disclose the present invention, claim 15 should be allowable over Suga et al., along with dependent claims 16 and 17 and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,191 to Suga et al. in view of Maxium Technologies (Internet Publication,2000). Applicant

respectfully traversed this rejection.

Maxium Technologies does not overcome the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Suga et al. Further, claim 18 is allowable because it depends from allowable independent claim 15 and dependent claim 16. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,191 to Suga et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,014 to Ochi et al. Applicant respectfully traversed this rejection.

Ochi et al does not overcome the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Suga et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that claim 19 is allowable because it depends from patentable independent claim 15 and dependent claim 16. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 20 and 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,192,191 to Suga et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,779 to Haranishi. Applicant respectfully traversed this rejection.

Haranishi does not overcome the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Suga et al. Further, the rejection is respectfully traversed for the reason that claims 20-21 should be allowable because claims depend from patentable independent claim 15 and dependent claim 16. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 15, along with dependent claims, are patentable over the applied art, and not disclosed or taught or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of the claim is respectfully requested. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited and appreciated.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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